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BRANT BROUGHTON CE METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK BEGINNING: 7TH JANUARY 2019



Dear Parents,

Just a short newsletter this week to wish you all a Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a happy and restful Christmas break – the Autumn term always feels a little like a marathon. The staff have worked exceptionally hard over the holiday to prepare the classrooms for beginning our new projects for the spring term. The Pandas class are considering: *Does the punishment always fit the crime?* They are looking at the history of crime and punishment and have some exciting learning lined up before Easter. The Polar Bears class are learning about *'What makes a Good Knight?'* and using stories about knights, princesses and castles and consider what character traits they need to succeed. White Tigers are considering *'Are we all born equal?'* They will be finding out about what makes us different and how inequality and disability can affect lives. Leopards Class question is *'Does a Challenge Always end in Success?'* they will be considering challenges in traditional stories and later in the term, trying out challenges of their own and considering resilience.

All of our projects link to the national curriculum but we strive to make them much more relevant and exciting than this! We have all been considering the United Nations Global Goals of Sustainability and try to link our projects to these global issues so that we consider how the children's interests link to the real world.

Christingle Service

The Christingle Service just before the holiday raised £115.15 for the Children's Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Cloakrooms

Please can the children in Leopards and Polar Bears class bring their book bags into school in preference to larger rucksacks if possible. The cloakroom space is not huge at their end of the school and children are finding it difficult to keep all their clothing etc. on their pegs and this can then result in items going missing – thank you!

Forest Schools

This term we are changing the arrangements for how the classes access their Forest Schools learning in order to ensure that the children get the most out of their sessions. Leopards class will be accessing Forest Schools with Mark, supported by myself and Mrs Smart for the whole of Wednesday afternoons this term. This will ensure that they are able to complete longer tasks and projects with a greater intensity. Polar Bears already have a separate session for this every Wednesday morning with the support of Mrs Hewkin.

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In the Summer Term, White Tigers will experience a full afternoon of Forest Schools instead of Leopards class.

We are delighted to report that Mrs Botham is now a qualified Forest Schools tutor as well and will be able to take her class out at different points during the week. We do have spare wellies for the children to use should they need them, but if you prefer to send in your own child's wellies then please do. They will wear their PE kits for Forest Schools sessions (please ensure that they have something warm enough) unless you prefer them to wear something else.

Karma Kids Yoga

This starts on Wednesday this week for those children who have signed up. The session will last 45 minutes finishing at 4pm. The charge per session is £ 3.50 and this must be paid in a 6 week block for Term 3 (£21 total) direct to Karma Kids Yoga. We have requested their bank details to make this transaction easier and will circulate these via ParentMail once your child's place has been confirmed. Spaces are unfortunately limited however we currently do still have a few places left should any Year 1 or Year 2 pupil be interested, please collect a permission letter from the school office.

Aqua splash

This event takes place this Friday and involves a large number of children so we have decided to hire a coach rather than rely on parent transport.

Celebration Assembly

This will take place as normal this Friday at 2.25pm. All parents are welcome.

Attendance

Just a reminder if you are thinking of booking holidays, Year 6s must be in school for SATs week (week beg 13th May) and Year 1s for Phonics Screen week (week beg 10th June), Year 2s complete their end of key stage assessments during the month of May. These assessments must be taken at these times; school is **NOT** allowed to make exceptions. All term-time holidays (except in VERY exception circumstances) will be subject to Fixed Penalty Notices resulting in a £60 fine per parent, per child. Fixed Penalty Notices will also be issued for persistent lateness.

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY

7th - Back to school
11th - Aquasplash
15th - Swimming starts for White Tigers class
25th - Goalball

FEBRUARY

1st - Sports Hall Athletics
8th - New Age Kurling
18th - 22nd Half Term
28th - Netball v Winchelsea

MARCH

21st - World Poetry Day

APRIL

2nd - Parents' Evening (3.30 - 5.00)
4th - Parents' Evening (5pm - 7pm)
5th - End of term
23rd - Start of Summer Term

MAY

13th - 16th - Y6 SATs week
27th - 31st - Half Term

JUNE

10th - 14th Year 1 Phonics screen
12th - 14th Yrs 5/6 residential trip
18th - BBC 10 Pieces Concert (KS2)

JULY

19th - End of term